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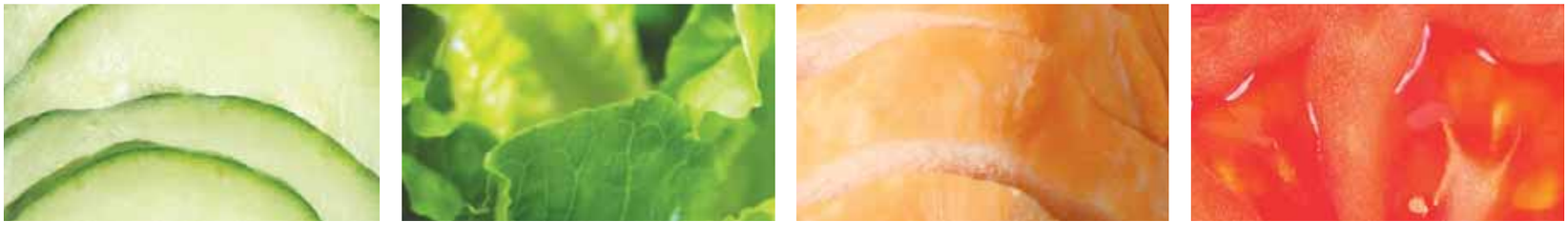

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Ted Dwane of English folk rock band Mumford & Sons performs at the Scotiabank Saddledome on Tuesday. The band kicked off their Telluride to Calgary Summer Stampede Tour to a sold-out crowd in Calgary last night. CANDICE WARD/FOR METRO

Lunchtime parking rates to drop downtown

Visit. Lunchtime parking discounts planned for downtown Calgary this summer as parking authority aims to attract more people

Those looking to grab lunch in downtown Calgary this summer should find it cheaper to park — provided they don't mind walking a bit farther to their restaurant.

That's because the Calgary Parking Authority is looking to pilot a program that will offer noon-hour discounts to ParkPlus account holders who leave their vehicles in less-utilized parking zones.

"What we're wanting to do this summer — as a promotion event — is to be able to have these locations identified, provide a discounted price, and then experiment to see if it's having an impact on adjusting that parking activity," CPA general manager Troy McLeod told Metro.

"We'll identify the zones that have low occupancies, or basically lots of space," he added. "Those zones will be discounted, say from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m."

While that's typically a busy time for parking, McLeod said CPA data shows there are pockets where plenty of spots are available, just not typically immediately in front of restaurants.

"It might be a block or two away," he said.

But Maggie Schofield, executive director of the Calgary Downtown Association, figured people would be walking much farther than that.

"It'll be more than a block or two," she said. "You might be jumping on the train — which is not bad, either, because it's the free zone. So, maybe that would help."

Schofield said any incentive to bring more people downtown would be beneficial to core-area merchants, but to be really effective the program would have to be "simple and well publicized."

McLeod said the details are still being worked out, but the plan is to communicate which zones are eligible for discounts on the web and likely though text and email, too.

Mayor Naheed Nenshi, who during city budget discussions last November raised the idea of using parking incentives to attract more people downtown, was pleased by CPA's plans.

"I'm excited that's going forward on an experimental basis this summer," he said.

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Law. DNA samples can take years to get from criminals

Collecting DNA samples from Calgary criminals can take up to three years and dozens of warrants are issued for convicts evading a cheek swab every year, according to a deputy chief, who believes changes in practice are needed.

The Alberta Federation of Police Associations recently drafted a strategy that, among other justice reforms, calls for the ability to gather DNA from criminals suspects at the point of arrest as opposed to after conviction.

The federation also would like to expand instances where DNA is gathered to include any indictable offence.

But Murray Stooke, deputy chief with the Calgary Police Service, said a more practical approach may be to gather samples when charges are laid, given that, at that point, investigators would have reasonable grounds to suspect a person of committing a crime.

The primary benefits, he said, would be solving other cases involving the accused faster, providing closure to victims and freeing up police resources.

"We really see that it takes a very long time for a person who's going through a cycle of committing serious offences to actually have their DNA taken and added to the (national) databank.... There are so many inefficiencies," Stooke said.

In 2011, the Alberta Association of Chiefs of Police put forward a resolution urging DNA collection when charges are laid in connection with the most serious of crimes — murders, sexual assaults and others. JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

Could cabs from other municipalities soon be allowed to queue for passengers in downtown Calgary? METRO FILE

Cabbie turf war heats up in Calgary

Upcoming review.
Some say it's time to loosen boundaries, while others want to keep the status quo

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Relaxing rules for taxis operating in the region around Calgary would improve the ride experience for patrons, according to both an area legislator and a consumer group.

Wildrose Airdrie MLA Rob Anderson raised the prospect of allowing regional service arrangements for cabbies in the Alberta legislature last month, noting other vehicle transportation areas, like trucking and bus shuttles, are not met with the same restrictions.

"It's just common sense really," he said. "If an Airdrie taxi takes a senior citizen into a Calgary hospital for a check-up, shouldn't that same taxi be able to take them home and vice versa?"

But currently cabs from outside Calgary are only allowed to drop off customers within city limits but not pick them up. Violators can be slapped with a $1,500 fine.

Critics of the bylaw, like Mohamed Benini, who owns Airdrie-based Ava Cab, are quick to point out that Calgary's taxi sector has faced a barrage of complaints over peak-hour service snafus in recent years.

"Basically, there's a better way of doing things and we're part of that solution," he said earlier this month.

But the city's chief livery officer is warning relaxing the regulations would create numerous logistical and safety challenges.

Marc Halat said cabbies operating in Calgary go through intensive screening before being given licence to pick up customers.

"We know that guy is a licensed and bona fide driver ... we know his vehicle meets our safety standards, which are quite rigid," Halat said.

Still, Sandy Jenkins with the Voters for Taxis consumer advocacy group said allowing additional companies to operate in the city would only raise the level of competition — and likely the perks for passengers in the process.

Current numbers

Calgary currently offers 1,466 licences to drive a taxi and a committee will review whether an increase is necessary in July.

Murder case. Funeral on Saturday for mom and son stabbed to death

As a relative accused of killing a Calgary mother and her five-year-old son made his first court appearance on Tuesday, family members arrived from the Philippines to make funeral arrangements.

Chona Manzano
FACEBOOK

Chona Manzano and her son, Gabriel, were stabbed to death on Thursday in their Evanston home. A relative on Manzano's husband's side, Wilson Clorina, has been charged with two counts of second-degree murder.

On their Facebook accounts, the accused and victim regularly conversed about their children.

Manzano's brother, Simon Capila, said police have offered no motive and the family is grieving. "We don't understand it," he said. "We have no information."

Capila said a funeral was being arranged for Saturday and his parents were scheduled to arrive from the Philippines late Tuesday.

Metro asked to speak with Manzano's husband, Erwin, but a relative requested privacy on his behalf.

Clorina, meanwhile, has yet to acquire a lawyer. A judge barred him from having any contact with the victim's family and he is due back in court on Monday. JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

Traffic blitz. Thousands slapped with weekend speeding tickets

Alberta highway-patrol officers issued more than 5,000 tickets over the Victoria Day long weekend on provincial highways, and five people died in traffic collisions.

Total fines for the weekend — typically one of the busiest travel periods of the year — were down slightly from the same time last year. But Alberta Justice spokesperson Brendan Cox conceded the steep number of fines for speeding, in particular — 3,843 — is a concern.

Three people also died in traffic incidents in Edmonton, and closer to Calgary, RCMP reported a disturbing incident in which they allege a 15-year-old unlicensed driver clocked speeds of 187 kilometres an hour near Crossfield.

"Holiday long weekends have been identified as an enforcement priority because things like that do happen and fatal and injury collisions do happen more frequently," Cox said.

On the highways, 85 careless-driving and 57 distracted-driving tickets were issued, and police say 15 motorists were caught drunk behind the wheel.

More than 600 tickets were also issued for offences such as not having insurance or registration or for fish and gaming violations.

JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

Jessica Thompson and her 18-month-old son, Nathan, check out the kitchen of their new home in Skyview Ranch on Tuesday. ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

City homes just got more attainable

Public-private partners. Truman Homes donated about $1 million in equity to help build new development

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Jessica Thompson always knew she'd be a homeowner — she just never imagined it would happen so quickly.

"It was kind of a far-away dream a couple of months ago," Thompson, 29, said on Tuesday inside her brand-new two-bedroom condo in Skyview Ranch. "Now it's all settling in that it's reality."

Thompson was handed the keys to her new home by Mayor Naheed Nenshi, who welcomed the opening of a 56-unit block made more easily available to buyers through Attainable Homes Calgary Corporation.

So far, the non-profit agency has helped 194 families move into their own homes, and it aims to help 1,000 more in the next five years.

"As prices of units keep going up and up, wages and salaries are not going up at anywhere near the same rate," said AHCC president David Watson. "So what is happening is we are locking more and more Calgarians out of affordable, attainable homes and home ownership."

Money where his mouth is

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Troy Trutina of Truman Homes, on his company's future plans

AHCC helps by partnering with the city and local builders to offer homes at lower-than-market rates, with the built-in equity counting as a down payment for people struggling to save up the lump sum otherwise required to buy.

Thompson figured it would take her 10 years to accumulate a down payment before she learned about AHCC this year.

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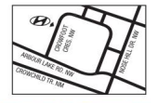

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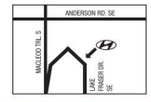

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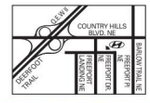

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Edmonton mayor. Nenshi sad to see 'mentor' leave

Mayor Naheed Nenshi was saddened to hear Edmonton Mayor Stephen Mandel announce Tuesday he won't seek re-election in the fall.

"I believe it is time to open up the doors to new leadership," Mandel said, as some of his council colleagues wiped away tears during a press conference at Edmonton's Art Gallery of Alberta.

"Mayor Mandel has been nothing but an incredibly good friend to me personally, a great mentor, and a terrific leader for the big cities in this province," Nenshi said in Calgary.

"We're not done yet," Nenshi added. "We've still got until October. I'm hoping that we'll see some significant progress on the big city charters between now and then."

ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

Political career

- Stephen Mandel spent 12 years on Edmonton's city council, nine of them as mayor.

Southern Alberta

Jail time for man who assaulted 89-year-old

A man who broke into an 89-year-old woman's home in southern Alberta and sexually assaulted her is going to prison.

Erich Shawn Johnson, also known by the last name Bartz, has been sentenced to 3.5 years after pleading guilty in Taber provincial court.

Police say the woman called 911 on March 22, and that she fought off her attacker with scissors.

Johnson remained behind bars after his arrest and received two months of credit for pre-trial custody.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Education minister urges boards to aid with funding infrastructure

Buildings beyond repair. CBE will offload some sites it can't afford to fix

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More school funding is on the way in the years to come, but Alberta's education minister says boards should be looking at generating funds for their own projects as well.

Jeff Johnson made the comments earlier this month as the province pulled the veil off plans for nine new Calgary schools and many more in Edmonton and other areas of the province.

"We have got surplus schools, a lot of schools that are underutilized ... and with proper capital planning (we) can certainly liquidate those assets and put those dollars towards new capital," Johnson said.

"We're all partners in this.... At the end of the day, there's one taxpayer."

The Calgary Board of Education received funding for six new schools but had 30 projects outstanding on its capital plan covering the next three years — a revised version of that list using a new formula is due out in the coming weeks.

But the problem extends to existing buildings for the city's public school board as well, with deferred maintenance costs verging on $1 billion and a $3.4-million cut in funding for such work announced in March's belt-tightening provincial budget.

Supt. Frank Coppinger pointed out that the sale of two properties in recent years helped fund the CBE's career-and-technology centre at Lord Shaughnessy High School and a handful of other properties will likely be offloaded in the years ahead, simply because they are beyond repair.

Backlog

$921M

In a February presentation, the Calgary Board of Education said its accumulated maintenance backlog had reached $921 million.

Alberta Education Minister Jeff Johnson wants boards to explore other ways of generating funds for school capital and maintenance projects. METRO FILE

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Rescue efforts wind down in suburb torn asunder by tornado

Death toll lowered to 24. Early chaos led to initial report of 51 dead

Austin Brock holds cat Tutti shortly after the animal was retrieved from the rubble of Brock's home on Tuesday, which was demolished a day earlier when a tornado moved through Moore, Okla. BRENNAN LINSLEY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rescue workers neared the end of the search for survivors and the dead in the Oklahoma City suburb where a rare and powerful tornado claimed 24 lives. Residents of Moore began returning home, some of them finding empty lots cleared down to bare red earth in place of their homes.

Scientists concluded the twister was an EF5 on the enhanced Fujita scale, the most powerful type of twister, capable of lifting reinforced buildings off the ground.

After nearly 24 hours of searching, Moore's fire chief said he was confident there were no more bodies or survivors in the rubble.

"I'm 98 per cent sure," Gary Bird told reporters on Tuesday.

Emergency crews had trouble navigating devastated neighbourhoods because there were no street signs left. Some used smartphones or GPS devices to guide them.

The death toll was revised downward from 51 after the state medical examiner said some victims may have been counted twice in the confusion.

By Tuesday afternoon, every damaged home in Moore had been searched at least once, Bird said. His goal was to conduct three searches of each building, just to be certain.

The fire chief was hopeful that could be completed by nightfall, but efforts were being hampered by heavy rain.

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School shelters

Plaza Towers Elementary, where seven children were killed, and another damaged school did not have storm shelters or safe rooms, said Albert Ashwood, director of the Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management.

- More than 100 schools in the state have safe rooms, but he added a shelter would not necessarily have saved more lives.

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In pictures

1 Devastation. Communities gone
The tornado flattened entire neighbourhoods, landing a direct blow on a school. STEVE GOOCH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

2 Deliverance. President on alert
U.S. President Barack Obama is instructing his team to get victims what they need "right away."
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3 Decree. Intensity measured
The National Weather Service gave the tornado the top-of-the-scale rating of EF-5 for wind speed, breadth and severity of damage. STEVE GOOCH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

4 Defiance. In the face of nature
Jim Stubblefield, of Norman, Okla., raises a tattered flag Tuesday. Estimates from several meteorologists on the energy released by the tornado ranged from eight to more than 600 times the power of the Hiroshima bomb.
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5 Disbelief. Rare show of power
Cindy Wilson managed to take cover in a bathtub. The National Severe Storms Laboratory said less than one per cent of all U.S. tornadoes are this violent — about 10 a year. JIM BECKEL/THE OKLAHOMAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PM tells caucus he's 'very upset'

Expense scandal.
Some observers have painted Duffy crisis as the most serious test the Tories have faced since 2011's majority win

A "very upset" Prime Minister Stephen Harper tried to settle down a scandal-rattled Conservative caucus Tuesday with talk of accountability and Senate reform, but shed no new light on the $90,000 transaction that cost him his chief of staff.

Conservative MPs and senators heading into Tuesday's caucus meeting had hoped Harper would provide more facts behind the growing scandal that forced his right-hand man, Nigel Wright, to resign over the weekend.

But if Harper's speech — opened up on this occasion to the media — was any indication, they didn't get much.

"I don't think any of you are going to be very surprised to hear that I am not happy," Harper said in his first public comments since revelations last week that Wright wrote a personal cheque worth $90,000 to embattled Sen. Mike Duffy.

"I'm very upset about the conduct we have witnessed, the conduct of some parliamentarians and the conduct of my own office."

Harper didn't go into detail, however, about just how involved he or his office was in helping Duffy repay living expenses he shouldn't have claimed in the first place.

Nor did he go any farther behind closed doors; sources told The Canadian Press that while MPs pressed for more details during the meeting on his office's role in bailing out Duffy, they didn't get any.

The matter is in the hands of the federal ethics commissioner and the Senate ethics officer, who can be trusted to sort things out, many suggested.

"Trust me, they ask all the questions and they get to the bottom of the matters and that is the appropriate place, and that's where the ethics commissioner's report comes up," said Labour Minister Lisa Raitt.

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Prime minister Stephen Harper speaks to his caucus on Parliament Hill on Tuesday. FRED CHARTRAND/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Quoted

"Anyone who wants to use public office for their own benefit should make other plans, or better yet, leave this room."
Prime Minister Stephen Harper

"If these people have done what has been speculated that they have done, they should be fired."
Quebec Sen. Jacques Demers

"That a secret cheque was cut out of the prime minister's office and it was covered up, that's a very, very serious ethical breach." NDP ethics critic Charlie Angus

Not silent: Trudeau

T.O. mayor silent on 'crack video'

Toronto Mayor Rob Ford stayed silent for a fourth day Tuesday amid allegations a drug dealer had recorded him smoking crack cocaine and making homophobic and racist comments.

Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau decried Ford's alleged use of an anti-gay slur against him. "It's a sentiment that a huge number of Canadians ... find reprehensible and unacceptable."

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Catchin' the capuchin

Bieber's monkey becomes Germany's

Justin Bieber's pet monkey is now the property of Germany. Mally was seized by German customs March 28 when Bieber failed to produce required vaccination and import papers for the animal after landing in Munich for a European tour. Bieber has six weeks to contest the decision.

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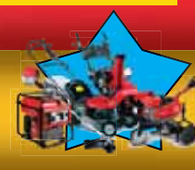

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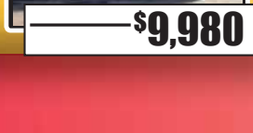
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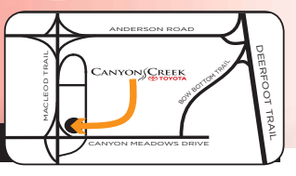

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Apple on hot seat over tax strategies

Billions saved? CEO Tim Cook denies report that says company uses Irish subsidiaries to dodge U.S. taxes

The U.S. Senate dragged Apple Inc., the world's most valuable company, into the debate over the U.S. tax code Tuesday, grilling CEO Tim Cook over allegations that its Irish subsidiaries help the company avoid billions in U.S. taxes.

Cook said the subsidiaries have nothing to do with reducing its U.S. taxes, a message he struggled to convey to the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations.

"We pay all the taxes we owe — every single dollar," Cook said. "We don't depend on tax gimmicks."

The senate subcommittee released a report Monday that held up Apple as an example of the legal tax avoidance made possible by the U.S. tax code.

It estimates that Apple avoided at least $3.5 billion US in U.S. federal taxes in 2011 and $9 billion US in 2012 by using its tax strategy, and described a complex setup involving Irish subsidiaries as being a key element of this strategy.

But Cook said the Irish subsidiaries don't reduce the company's U.S. taxes at all. Rather, the company avoids paying the 35 per cent federal tax rate on profits made overseas by not bringing those profits back to the U.S., a practice it shares with other multinationals.

Apple's enormous, iPhone-fuelled profits mean that it has more cash stashed overseas than any other company: $102 billion US.

Cook reaffirmed Apple's position that given the current U.S. tax rate, it has no intention of bringing that cash back to the U.S. Like other companies, it has a responsibility to shareholders to pay as little as possible in taxes.

In effect, Apple is holding out for a lower corporate tax rate. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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"We pay all the taxes we owe — every single dollar. We don't depend on tax gimmicks."

Apple CEO Tim Cook, testifying before a U.S. Senate panel.

Belgium. $400K pigeon defies European financial crisis

Flying high above Europe's economic crisis, a lightning-fast pigeon called Bolt became the world's most expensive racing bird when his Belgian breeder sold it for about $410,000 to a Chinese businessman.

One-year-old Bolt, named after the Jamaican Olympic superstar sprinter Usain Bolt, and with an outstanding pedigree of proven champions to match, was the latest Belgian-bred pigeon to claim record prices.

Still, the selling price surprised everyone involved in the sport, auction house Pipa said. The previous record for a sale of a single bird stood at about $330,000 from January 2012.

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Pigeons fly inside their coop at Pigeon Paradise in Knesselare, Belgium. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

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Gigs in space

Sales of Hadfield's guitar go into orbit

Sales of a Vancouver-made guitar have skyrocketed since astronaut Chris Hadfield released a music video on May 12 of himself playing David Bowie's Space Oddity on the International Space Station. Guitar-maker Larrivee has since sold $100,000 worth of the three-quarter-size parlour guitar, prompting it to release a commemorative edition of its P-01 model. NASA bought two of the guitars more than a decade ago because of their compact size.

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Smart guns. Controller can disable weapons via phone

A high-tech startup is wading into the gun control debate with a wireless controller that would allow gun owners to know when their weapon is being moved — and disable it remotely.

The technology, but not an actual gun, was demonstrated Tuesday at a wireless technology conference in Las Vegas. It comes at a time when U.S. lawmakers are considering contentious smart gun laws that would require new guns to include high-tech devices that limit who can fire them.

The new Yardarm Technologies system would trigger an alarm on an owner's cellphone if a gun is moved, and the owner could hit a button to activate the safety and disable the weapon. New guns would come with a microchip on the body and antennas winding around the grip. It would add about $50 US to the cost of a gun, and about $12 a year for the service. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Going to the market to eat worms

Insects are shown for sale at a market in Chiang Mai, Thailand, in this file photo. The United Nations' Food and Agricultural Organization released a study Tuesday on what it calls six-legged livestock — edible bugs and worms that can help meet global food demand.

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Publishing. Ebook sales are levelling off, report finds

Kobo and Kindle have grown to become familiar brands in Canada but ebook sales now appear to be plateauing, suggests a report by the industry organization BookNet Canada.

Based on surveys with 4,000 book-buying consumers, BookNet Canada pegged paperback sales in 2012 at about 58 per cent of the market, while hardcovers accounted for 24 per cent and ebook sales for 15 per cent.

BookNet Canada president and CEO Noah Genner says early sales data from this year shows ebook sales are steady and no longer growing. The report also found most consumers still prefer to buy their books in stores rather than online.

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By the numbers

15%

Ebook sales made up 15 per cent of book sales in 2012, according to a new survey.

RULE IS PAR FOR THE COURSE

JUST SAYIN'

Paul Sullivan
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Golf is one of those sports, like curling, that straddles the legitimate-activity fence.

To excel at golf, much skill is required.

To suck at golf, no skill is required. Believe me, I know.

At its highest level, golf is an exhibition of power, grace, skill and athleticism. At its lowest level — mine — it requires good timing so you can stop for snacks between the 9th and 10th hole without holding up the foursome behind you.

Golf is also susceptible to technology. Clubs now come with an adjustable loft, so you can dial up a shot as easily as hot soup from the microwave.

And golf balls are made of flubber — if you actually hit one, it goes a long way.

I've seen it done.

Push carts look like alien spacecraft with cup holders.

Golf has come far from the early days in Scotland when hairy, robust men used to stalk the bog with their mashie niblicks.

And if the belly putter is any indication, it's come too far.

The belly putter is a long-shafted club that you anchor (I'm not making this up) against your chest or belly, allowing for greater stability and therefore a better chance of getting the stupid little round ball in that stupid little round hole.

It looks pretty funny out here in Dufferville, but then what doesn't?

I once watched a guy take 12 shots to get his ball out of a sand trap. Then he calmly put his club back in the bag, picked up his ball, got into his cart and drove off the course, leaving his partner and the other members of his foursome slack-jawed with incredulity.

But the real problem is pro-level golf, where guys like Ernie Els, Adam Scott and Keegan Bradley have all gained a distinct advantage, and don't look good doing it.

It used to be that the biggest threat to golf's reputation was plaid pants, but as the belly or anchor putter bears an embarrassing resemblance to a crutch, it was obvious that it had to go.

As Tiger Woods so eloquently put it: "It should be mandatory to have to swing all 14 clubs."

That's easy for him to say. He actually has a swing. Most of us swing AT the ball, which is different.

So on Tuesday, golf banned the belly putter, effective Jan. 1, 2016.

Now it's up to the various pro tours and Dufferville to decide if they're going to swing free or die.

This is a hopeful sign that golf is pulling back from the brink of the absurd.

Who knows, maybe the golf lords will get staunch and ban the adjustable driver, which is kind of like having four or five extra clubs in your bag.

And once they get a firm grip on the clubs, how long before they take a swing at plaid pants?

ZOOM

Hang in there, little critters

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Dangling by a tail

These adorable opossums haven't quite mastered their balance on this thin branch.

Thankfully, the baby marsupials managed to heave themselves to safety after a few minutes of clinging on.

The critters were spotted by nature photographer Ronald Wittek gathering around their mother's back on a game farm in Minnesota. For the photographer, the best part of the image is its composition.

"It was incredible to snap the marsupials in action," he said, adding that as adults they are too heavy and just use their tails to keep their balance. **METRO**

Quoted

"I don't think they panicked when they slipped. It reminded me of those funny animal posters or movies where creatures are in awkward spots. But it also demonstrated the animals' natural ability in their environment."

Ronald Wittek, professional photographer from Speyer, Germany

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Whether your cause du jour is boycotting GMCs or supporting LGBT equality, the Buycott app is your comrade in ethical arms. Hoping to help align consumerism with conscience, users scan a product's bar code to trace its family history — if the parent company's modus operandi matches the shopper's morals, the buyer is given a green light to consume with a clean conscience.

Partially inspired by a conceived-but-not-created app to help shoppers avoid products with the Koch family seal of approval, Buycott users can get the history of a product without loitering in the grocery store aisles for long periods of time doing a never-ending background check on a product.

While the largest campaign on the app is still the Koch boycott, user-submitted campaigns have growing followings too: supporting local craft beer has close to 2,000 members, avoiding sweatshops and child labour has nearly 13,000 and team anti-Splenda has more than 2,500 followers.

Twitter

@metropicks asked:
Beer is the norm after some marathons and obstacle courses. What do you think is the ideal way to recover from strenuous exercise?

@FrenchmanCanada: Cheer for people who are still running

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RE: Should You Introduce Your Kids To Religion? Published May 5 online

I have struggled with religion myself. We are a same-sex family, one being born into the Muslim religion and the other into the Catholic. Neither of these religions has given us acceptance or support. We see religion as a club for the elite, and we unfortunately are not the elite. Why would we expose our child to something that is so judgmental and doesn't accept us? She will make her own decision when she is ready, as we cannot teach her something we don't believe ourselves.
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Paul Walker, left, Dwayne Johnson and Vin Diesel reunite for Fast and Furious 6, the latest installment of the global blockbuster franchise built on speed. HANDOUT

Burning that silly movie money by burning some serious rubber

Car chase movies. Fast and Furious 6 grabs the wheel this weekend but it's far from the only movie in its genre to hold the pole position

IN FOCUS
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This weekend Fast and Furious 6, the latest high-octane installment of the car crazy franchise, hit screens.

Along with it will come squealing tires, revving engines and some of cinema's wildest car chases.

The auto chase is a movie staple, a tradition that dates back over 100 years of movie history.

The silent Keystone Cop films featured the first recorded car chases — a mix of slapstick, jalopies and rough-and-ready stunts — as far back as 1912.

Early Hollywood often played the chases for laughs. In The Bank Dick, W.C. Fields is taken hostage by a bank robber and forced to drive the getaway car.

In the chaotic chase that follows, the vehicle narrowly misses clipping the heads off bystanders as it flies over a ditch and slowly starts to disintegrate.

"The resale value of this car is going to be nil after you get over this trip," says Fields.

Emanuel Levy, an American film critic, said, "Bullitt contains one of the most exciting car chases in film history, a sequence that revolutionized Hollywood's standards."

Lasting just nine minutes and 42 seconds, the filming of the scene took three weeks pairing Steve McQueen's 1968 Ford Mustang 390 GT 2+2 Fastback against the villain's 1968 Dodge Charger 440 Magnum.

The chase was planned to run at 75 to 80 mph but ended up racing through the streets of San Francisco at speeds of more than 110 mph.

Several years later, The French Connection made Gene Hackman a star, won five Academy Awards and featured one of the greatest ever chase scenes.

The realistic looking chase was shot without permits on the streets of Bensonhurst, Brooklyn.

The sequence got a little too realistic for one car owner.

A hapless driver, at the corner of Stillwell Ave. and 86th St., who was unaware a film was being shot, was side swiped by Hackman's car.

Director William Friedkin liked the shot and paid off the driver on the spot.

Chase sequences have gotten more expensive since the early '70s.

Gone are the days where director John Hough could stage a wild chase between a lime green '69 Dodge Charger and a helicopter in Dirty Mary Crazy Larry for peanuts.

John Moore, director of A Good Day To Die Hard starring Bruce Willis, says the chase scene in that movie cost $11 million.

They destroyed 132 cars, damaged another 518 and even flattened a Lamborghini. That one hurt, he said. "I'm a car fanatic."

Gregory Smith. Taking a Rookie run at directing the boys in Blue

It's no surprise, really, that Gregory Smith is directing episodes of the series he co-stars in, Rookie Blue. The Toronto-lensed cop drama returns for a fourth season May 23 on Global and ABC.

"He's a particular renaissance man," says Rookie Blue executive producer and showrunner Tassie Cameron. "He's one of those guys you discover suddenly that he's running some tech company out of his trailer, he's taking award-winning photographs from his travels to Africa ... he's just one of those people."

The Toronto-born, B.C.-raised actor, who turns 30 this summer, has been around TV and film sets almost his entire life. His father Maurice produced low-budget films and his teacher mother Terrea acted in some of them.

Before he was a teen, Smith was showing up on Vancouver-based TV shows such as The Commish, The Hat Squad and Highlander.

Over the years, he's also appeared in 25 films.

So when he was given an opportunity to become the first Rookie Blue cast member to direct last season, Smith jumped at it. He watched carefully the work of several directors, particularly executive producer David Wellington, studied their techniques and gave it a shot.

"That's basically how I learned everything as an actor," he says during an interview in his trailer on the set. "I was just a kid and I worked with these actors and I'd ask them questions and then something would work for me and I'd try to move forward with it."

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Rookie Blue actor Gregory Smith is taking the director's reigns. HANDOUT

Newsted looks for his own brand of Justice

Metal health. Ex-Metallica bassist Jason Newsted is ready to stand on his own two feet, even if they feel a little shaky underneath him

LINDA LABAN
Metro World News

Jason Newsted knows that breaking up is hard to do. GETTY IMAGES

Though Jason Newsted has popped up in a few notable projects since quitting Metallica in 2001, his new band is all about him.

"It's a big deal," he says. "There's a few different hats I'm taking on: I'm the frontman, it's my songs, it's my voice."

It's also his name. In the tradition of Van Halen, Santana or even Bon Jovi, the name of the band is the same as the name of the man.

This is a bigger commitment than participating in Dave Navarro's made-for-reality-TV band, Rock Star Supernova and the bassist seems acutely aware of that.

"It's nervous excitement," he says. "It's a giant challenge."

Newsted formed six months ago when the band's namesake started writing songs with guitarist Jessie Farnsworth and drummer Jesus Mendez Jr., and they recorded a thrashy four-song EP as tight and terse as its title: Metal.

In February, Staind guitarist Mike Mushok joined and, though we couldn't get the band's leader to reveal its title, a full-length is ready for release by fall.

Through summer, Newsted has 70 gigs worldwide, including gigs in England, at the 100 Club and the Download Festival, the same two places he played in 1987, launching his first full-length with Metallica, entitled And Justice For All.

"I did retire from the big thing so I could do what I want with my life," he said about the decision.

"Jumping back into it is different from what I planned to do, but you have to create challenges when you have all the time in the world. This is the biggest that I've created for myself in a long time."

Moving on

Quitting Metallica wasn't easy for Newsted. But Metallica — driven and ambitious, but stung by the loss of original bassist Cliff Burton, whom Newsted replaced — was never an easy band.

- **Quote.** "I am the man who had to step up and make that decision for everyone," Newsted emphasizes of his decision to leave in 2001. "It was me that suffered the most. It was me that made the giant sacrifice. It was a horrible, hard decision. I still, every couple of days, think about it even now. I was the first one into the show and the last one out. I wore a Metallica T-shirt onstage every night. I flew my colours, I was full-on dedicated."

Quote

"There's a few different hats I'm taking on: I'm the frontman, it's my songs, it's my voice."

Jason Newsted
On his role in his new band.

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The Word

Does Brad Pitt suffer from face blindness?

THE WORD
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Plenty of Hollywood stars probably have trouble remembering everyone they meet (they meet a lot of people).

Brad Pitt, however, thinks his poor memory might be an actual medical condition. He finds it nearly impossible to remember the faces of anyone he meets, he told Esquire.

For awhile, he tried being honest about his problem. "I took one year where I just said, This year, I'm just going to cop to it and say to people, 'OK, where did we meet?' But it just got worse. People were more offended. Every now and then, someone will give me context, and I'll say, 'Thank you for helping me.' But I piss more people off," the star says.

Brad says he's planning to get tested to find out if his forgetfulness is actually a mental condition called prosopagnosia, or face blindness. He has said that the condition means he doesn't go out anymore because of anxiety about the condition (and probably because he has six children).

So basically, Brad Pitt has a face everyone remembers whereas he can't remember anyone else's. Oh, the irony!

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

'Don't have a girlfriend,' dad advises Jaden Smith

Will Smith has clearly given son — and After Earth co-star — Jaden Smith a lot of advice, but one bit of wisdom sticks out: "Probably the best advice he's ever given me is, 'Don't have a girlfriend,'" Jaden tells E! News. "The stress is real." For his dad's part, it's less about stress and more about not closing yourself off to experiences. "Blending with another person is very difficult, and a lot of times you can lose yourself in the process," the elder Smith says. "So my encouragement to him is to be honest with anybody he interacts with. Don't make commitments that a 14-year-old can't live up to."

Will and Jaden Smith ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

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Wake up and play with me America!!!

@ZacharyQuinto
literally just going where they take me.

@TheRealRoseanne
i am thinking of the satanic presence of chuck lorre and how it is sucking all of the creativity of persons with souls from hollywood realm

@JossActual
Fans, thanks but I will never be comfortable with people calling me a "God". I would prefer you to call me a Muhammad and then NOT DRAW ME.

'The pregnancy rumour is false'

Jay-Z is eager to dispel rumours that his wife, Beyoncé, is pregnant — especially since they're proving particularly tough to kill. New York radio DJ Ebro Darden reached out to the rapper via email "to say congratulations, send my love to the fam," Darden said on his show. But what he got in response from Jay-Z was pretty direct and to the point: "It's not true," Jay-Z wrote back. "The pregnancy rumour is false."

Jay-Z

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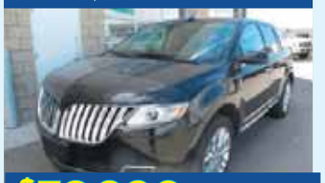

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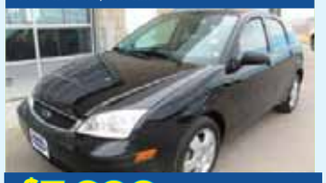

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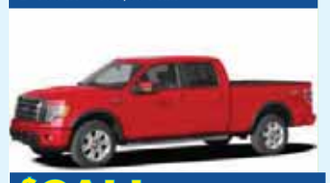

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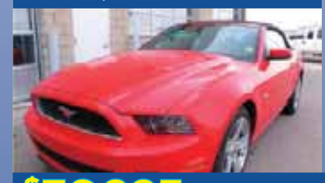

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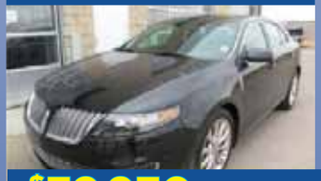

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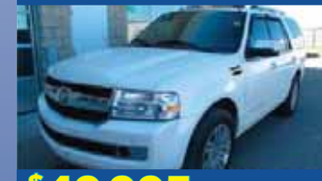

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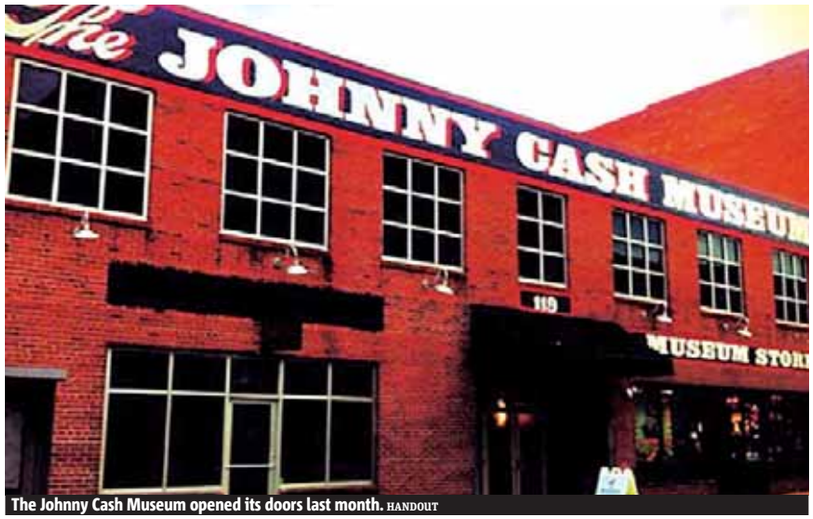

The Johnny Cash Museum opened its doors last month. HANDOUT

Hipster hangout Hillsboro Village
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You don't have to know how to two-step to fall for Nashville. The city recently rebranded itself from America's country music capital to Music City — and there's good reason.

It's a vibrant hub of up-and-coming singers, songwriters and musicians across genres, including pop, rock, gospel, bluegrass, jazz, classical, alt-country, blues and soul. And it offers an array of cultural, historical and foodie attractions that complement its musical backdrop.

Nashville has more than 120 live music venues; there's even a live music app (find it at musiccity.com) that uses your current location to find the nearest live music venue.

No trip to Nashville is complete without a stop at the legendary Bluebird Cafe. This listening venue has been around for 30 years, where up-and-coming musicians and the "songwriters behind the hits" showcase their talents in an acoustic song circle for fans and music execs alike. It's an intimate venue (only 100 seats), so get there early or make reservations online at bluebirdcafe.com.

Even if you're not into country music, it's worth checking out the clubs on Honky Tonk Alley — a breeding ground for young, hopeful performers. You'll hear everything from rock to alt-country and might even get a sneak peak of the next big thing.

One of the most famous, long-running honky tonks is Tootsie's Orchid Lounge, where Willie Nelson and Patsy Cline used to hang out. Robert's Western Wear is a boot store by day and honky tonk by night, where you'll hear some of the world's best rockabilly.

Or check out a show at the Grand Ole Opry, which began as a radio broadcast in 1925 and today serves as a live-entertainment venue honouring country music's legends and contemporary chart-toppers.

If you're a fan of Jack White, check out the Nashville location of his record label, Third Man Records, with a record store, live venue and analogue recording booth. Here you'll find an amazing collection of vinyl, most of which is produced by Jack White himself.

The newly opened Johnny Cash Museum is a tribute to the Man in Black — he's the only artist to have songs on the Billboard for six consecutive decades. With a treasure trove of memorabilia brought together under one roof, you'll find everything from Johnny's J-200 Gibson guitar to the lyrics he wrote in prison to Folsom Prison Blues (and the Grammy that came as a result).

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Where's the beef? All over the U.S.A., of course

Burger king.
George Motz tracks down the best burgers in America in his new Travel Channel series

If you love a good burger, you might think George Motz has the best job ever. He crisscrosses the country as the host of Travel Channel's new series Burger Land, looking for the best burgers in America.

He consumed 70 burgers in the three months it took to shoot the first season, exercising regularly to accommodate his indulgence. Now he's temporarily staying away from burgers to give his system a break.

Still, he said in a recent interview, "I crave a burger every single day."

One thing he stressed, however, is that all burgers are not created equal.

"One of the greatest dividing lines is the frozen patty versus the fresh meat burger," said Motz.

"It is very difficult for restaurants to keep fresh meat in the house, so the restaurants that are making hamburgers with fresh ground beef, it's not easy and they're doing the right thing."

He also says there's a lot of regional variety in burgers. Here are a few of his favourites from different parts of the U.S.

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California

"If you're in Los Angeles there's Irv's Burgers. If you're new to Northern California, there's a place called Val's Burgers in Hayward. It's unbelievable."

BURGER BARONESS/FLICKR

Illinois

"Chicago is a great burger town. People love to eat in Chicago and they're not shy about expressing their love for food. They've got the famous Billy Goat. You've got to get the triple with cheese. Edzo's is a new place doing an old-school burger in Evanston and Lincoln Park, Ill."

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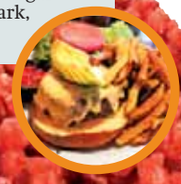

Connecticut

"There's a phenomenon known as the Steam Cheeseburger. It's a chunk of ground beef put into a steaming cabinet and the cheese is steamed right next to it and poured on like a molten goo. It's very unique only to Connecticut."

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Washington, DC

"There is a very famous place called the Tune Inn. The hamburger is unique because it's a classic cheeseburger. No crazy toppings. You're blocks from the Capitol building. There's also Ben's Chili Bowl. They're very famous for their half-smoked with chili on top but the real reason to go there for me is to get the chili cheeseburger."

BURGER BARONESS/FLICKR

Texas

"Dallas has a good burger culture as well. There are a few places. One is called Keller's. It's a drive-in, (you) order a great burger and a beer from the driver's seat of your car. That's heaven to me. There's also a great place called Jack's Burger House with a few locations in the Dallas area. They're Greek-owned and they have a Greek spice they put on the burger. "

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Family trips

What to see this summer

ON THE MOVE
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Just in time for your family vacation there are a number of attractions making their debut this summer.

Located at the foot of the Olympic stadium tower, Montreal's $48 million Rio Tinto Alcan Planetarium houses two theatres: the Milky Way theatre, where visitors study and learn about the sky, and the more interactive Chaos Theatre. Visitors to the Chaos Theatre enjoy a 20-minute multimedia odyssey through the universe.

The complex includes numerous exhibits and the largest public collection of meteorites in Quebec.

Set to open later this summer, the Ripley's Aquarium of Canada is located at the base of Toronto's CN Tower and Rogers Centre.

The Aquarium will be one of the largest in North America, hosting 13,500 inhabitants, or approximately 450 species. The facility will feature a tropical reef tank and a 315-foot-long moving walkway, in a see-through tunnel, below a shark lagoon inhabited by sand tiger sharks.

If you are looking to enjoy nature this summer, you no longer need a car to get to the front gates of Ontario's best-loved outdoor retreats. The Park Bus has added a number of new routes this summer, including Fathom Five National Marine Park, taking customers directly from downtown Toronto to backcountry access points where you can hook up with outfitters and start your outdoor adventure.

FlyOver Canada at Vancouver's iconic Canada Place is getting lots of great buzz. Housed in the former IMAX theatre, it incorporates the latest in virtual flight-ride technology and is the first of its kind in the country. Up to 60 guests are strapped in their seats and elevated in front of a 20-metre-wide, sphere-shaped screen before embarking on a virtual 4D experience across the country. The adventure showcases a mix of seasons, magnificent landscapes and vibrant colours, all enhanced by wind, scents, mist and sound.

Named after world-renowned Canadian artist Robert Bateman, and located in the historic CPR Steamship Building in Victoria's Inner Harbour, the Robert Bateman Centre features educational space, a retail store and a gallery housing approximately 130 of his masterpieces, from his classic B.C. pieces to his famed Africa collection. Check out the collection of 36 of Bateman's bird pieces where, when visitors run their hands over the painting labels, the appropriate bird sounds resonate in the gallery.

A look at the best of the biggest fests

Summer sounds. If you only go to one concert this summer, a festival is going to give you the most bang for your buck

Buy a bus ticket with your concert ticket. Here are a few festivals that are worthy of camping and getting a little muddy.

Boston Calling

May 26-26, Boston, Mass. Amidst the brutalist architecture of Boston's once-maligned Government Center, this inner city festival marks its first year with performances from F.U.N. The Shins, The National and the Walkmen, as well as locals Caspian and Bad Rabbits. The festival is co-curated by The National's Aaron Dessner. bostoncalling.com

Will you meet the love of your life at Bonnarro? YARDEENA2009/FLICKR

Newport Folk Fest

July 27-28 , Newport, R.I. This onetime purist folk fest in Fort Adams State Park features Beck, Feist, Will Oldham and Dawn McCarthy. newportfolkfest.net

Lollapalooza

Aug. 2-4, Chicago, Ill. The granddaddy of the modern festival once again draws the biggest names to the Windy City. Goth originators The Cure, stoner rockers Queens of the Stone Age and Manchester ravers New Order are joined by soulman Charles Bradley and new folkies The Lumineers. lollapalooza.com

Bonnaroo

June 13-16, Manchester, Tenn. You never know who you'll meet at Bonnaroo: According to legend, Kings of Leon drummer Nathan met his wife Jesse in the potty line. Needless to say, it's huge and romantic and this year's three-and-a-half-day lineup includes desert drifters Calexico, Paul McCartney and Wu-Tang Clan's Friday night spot is high on many to-do lists. bonnaroo.com

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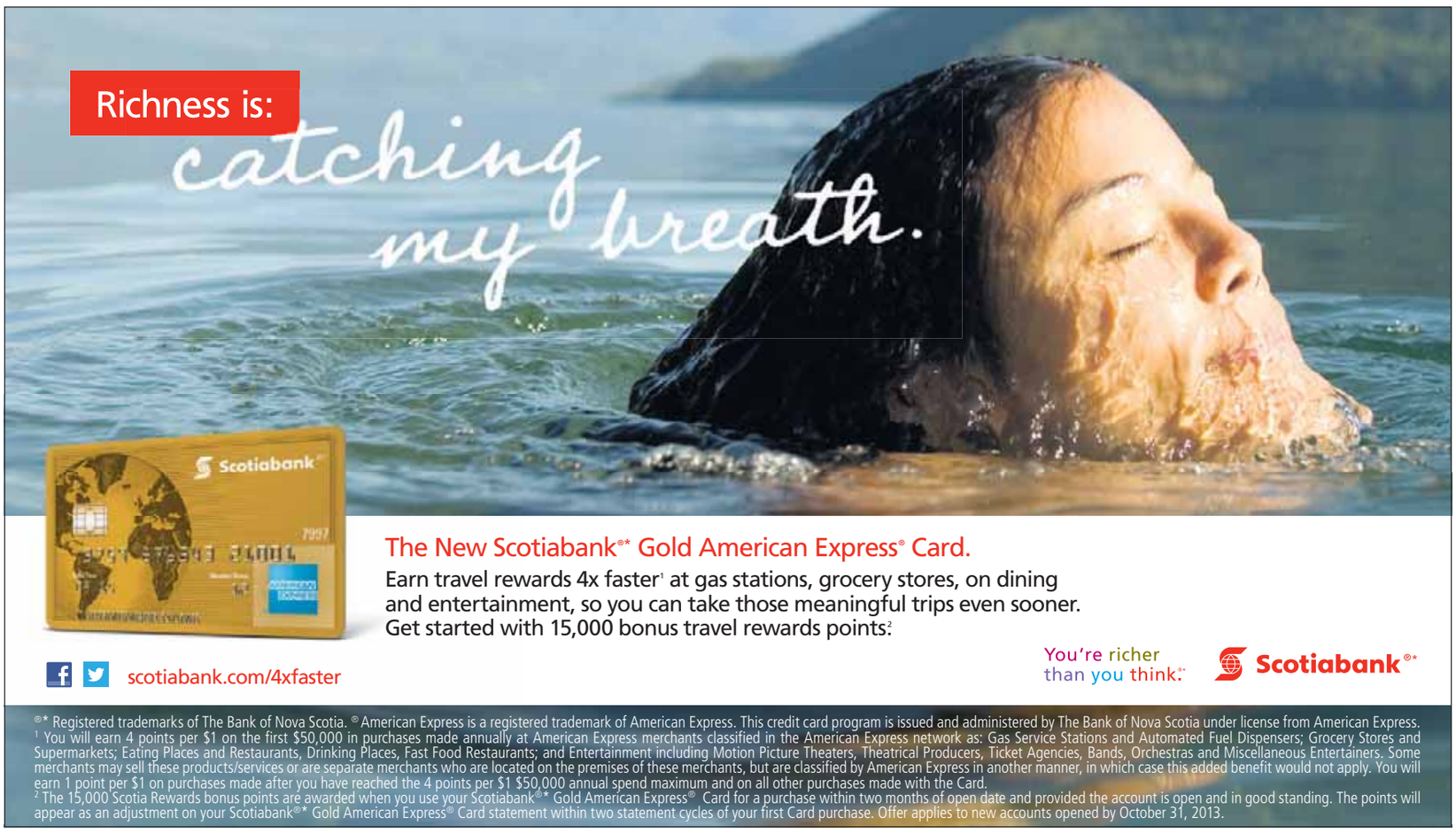
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Smuggle vegetables onto the warm weather menu with Summer Rolls

1. To make the dipping sauce, in a food processor or blender combine the peanut butter, hoisin, 2 tablespoons lime juice, scallions, soy sauce, sesame oil, hot sauce and water. Puree until smooth. Taste and add more lime juice or hot sauce if desired, and additional water if necessary to thin the sauce to a good dipping consistency. Transfer to a bowl and set aside.

2. To prepare rolls, in a small bowl combine the rice vinegar, sugar and a hefty pinch of salt. Whisk until the salt and sugar are dissolved. Add the carrots and cabbage and toss well. Set aside.

3. Fill a large bowl with hot water. Add 1 rice paper wrapper to the water and let soak for 10 to 15 seconds, or until just barely soft and pliable. Lay the wrapper flat on the counter. In the centre of the wrapper, place a small, oblong mound of the carrot-cabbage mixture, then top with a bit each of jicama, bell pepper and snow peas. Top with 2 mint leaves.

4. To fold the roll, start by folding the right and left sides of the wrapper over the fillings. Next, fold the end closest to you up over the fillings and sides. Holding the roll firmly, roll it away from you until the remaining wrapper is completely rolled up. Transfer the roll, seam side down, to a plate and cover with a damp paper towel. Repeat with the remaining wrappers and fillings.

5. The vegetable rolls can be made up to 4 hours ahead, covered with a damp paper towel and plastic wrap and chilled. Serve with the dipping sauce.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/ SARA MOULTON AUTHOR OF SARA MOULTON'S EVERYDAY FAMILY DINNERS

Ingredients

For the dipping sauce:
- 3/4 cup smooth unsalted natural peanut butter
- 1/2 cup hoisin sauce
- 2 to 3 tbsp lime juice
- 2 scallions, white and green parts, coarsely chopped
- 1 tbsp low-sodium soy sauce
- 2 tsp sesame oil
- Hot sauce, to taste
- 2 tbsp water

For the rolls:
- 1 tbsp rice vinegar
- 1/2 tsp sugar
- Kosher salt
- 1 cup shredded carrots
- 1 cup shredded Napa cabbage
- Sixteen 8-inch rice paper wrappers
- 1/2 medium jicama, cut into julienne strips (about 1 cup)
- 1 cup thinly sliced red bell pepper strips
- 1 cup blanched and thinly sliced snow peas
- 32 large fresh mint leaves

Fresh Summer Rolls with Spicy Peanut Dipping Sauce

This recipe makes 16 rolls. MATTHEW MEAD/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Drink of the Week

Joie de vivre

- 4 thinly sliced cucumber slices
- 1.5 oz Grey Goose La Poire
- .25 oz freshly squeezed lime juice
- .5 oz simple syrup
- 3/4 oz Prosecco

Add 3 cucumber slices to a shaker and muddle. Add ice, La Poire, lime juice and simple syrup. Shake well. Add Prosecco into a champagne flute then pour cocktail over top. Garnish with a cucumber slice.

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Lunch. Club House Burger on Butter Bun

A hot grill is vital to getting a great burger. Be sure to heat it with all burners on high (or wait until the charcoal is covered with a grey ash), then clean the heated cooking grates with a brass-bristle brush. Reduce the heat to a medium just before placing the burgers on the grill. You should hear a satisfying sizzle when the meat hits the grates! Cover the grill and flip the burgers just once halfway through the cooking time.

The meat will initially stick to the grill grates. But as it cooks, it will naturally release itself.

1. Heat grill to high. Then, in bowl, combine sirloin and ground chuck. Mix, being careful not to overwork. Add Worcestershire sauce, dry mustard, salt and pepper. Mix until combined, then divide into 6 pieces. Shape each piece into burger about 3/4 inch thick. Press thumb gently into centre of each to form depression.

2. Brush patties lightly on both sides with olive oil. Reduce heat to medium, then add burgers and grill until meat is no longer pink, 10 minutes, turning once halfway through grilling time.

3. Meanwhile, brush butter over both sides of rolls and grill until lightly toasted, 2 minutes.

4. Serve burgers on buttered rolls with lettuce leaf, slice of raw onion, tomato and a slice of bacon, if desired. Serve with traditional condiments on side. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/ELIZABETH KARMEL, AUTHOR OF SOAKED, SLATHERED AND SEASONED.

Ingredients

- 1 lb each ground sirloin and ground chuck
- 1 tbsp Worcestershire sauce
- 1 tsp Coleman's dry mustard
- 1 tsp kosher salt
- 1/2 tsp ground black pepper
- 2 tbsp extra-virgin Olive oil
- 1/4 cup melted butter
- 6 kaiser rolls, sliced
- 6 crisp butter lettuce leaves
- 6 slices purple onion
- 2 tomatoes, cut into 6 slices
- 6 slices cooked bacon
- Ketchup
- Mustard
- Mayonnaise

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Keep the crotchety customer at bay. Wringing necks is not an option

If you've been upholding the reputation of your employer, you shouldn't be treated poorly. Chances are, your manager will know better as to how to diffuse the situation, so ask them if they could give you a hand. ISTOCK

I've always done a pretty good job of living up to my name, Rosie. Whether I'm embarrassed, nervous or just warm, I'll blush.

That's why one of my previous jobs in retail could often lead to a very rosy-faced Rosie — I seemed to get stuck with every difficult customer.

One particular incident has always stuck in my mind. I was a wide-eyed and innocent student working a sales position in a photography store and I had yet to experience such a difficult customer.

On this occasion, the customer mumbled his request to me and upon my asking if he would please repeat his question as I didn't quite catch it the first time, he yelled it into my ear.

My manager had gone to the back and I was alone at the store front.

I took a deep breath and tried to help the customer with his request, which is when he started to taunt me and call me names. I cashed him out as quickly and efficiently as I could and tried to ignore the insults.

When he finally left the store, my manager emerged from the back and asked me why I was bright red with tears in my eyes and then offered me some words of wisdom for dealing with particularly difficult or rude customers:

Stay calm
This gives the customer fewer reasons to be rude and also helps you keep control of your emotions.

Don't retaliate or argue
You don't want to make the customer any more aggravated.

Don't let it get you down
While it seems totally wrong that the customer might be taking their bad day out on you, chances are that if you've done nothing to provoke the customer then their behaviour is probably nothing personal.

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There's something you really want, so raise your voice!

Ask and you shall receive. How can you expect to climb the career ladder if you never express your desire to do so?

RACHEL MCKEE
TalentEgg.ca

A few months ago, a good friend of mine approached me about an internal job posting within his organization for which he was interested in applying.

He had been a video editor within this sports broadcasting company for four years and definitely needed more responsibility, a new challenge and something to give him renewed excitement about the organization and his field. He was hesitant to apply, as he'd been told that the individuals hiring already had someone in mind for the position and he felt that a fair amount of the job description was out of his skill set, as the job required producing experience. I encouraged him to apply regardless, as it would show upper management that he was looking to make lateral and/or vertical moves within the organization, that he wanted to be given more leadership opportunities and that he was looking to grow within this field. Ultimately, there was no harm in applying. His superiors wouldn't even know he was interested in the position if he didn't apply and likely hadn't considered him as a possibility for the job — not because he wasn't qualified or capable, but because he hadn't voiced any interest until this point. If you don't ask, you don't get.

Managers want ambitious people like you on their team and they always want to give you more responsibility. So speak up! ISTOCK

My friend applied for the position and within two days he heard back from the hiring manager for the position. He had an interview three days later and, what do you know? He got the job! Two weeks later he set off on a month of travelling across Canada filming the fourth season of this station's signature show. He had new responsibilities, new networking opportunities, and the chance to learn new skills within his field — and he could not have been more pumped to get started! None of this would have happened if he had settled for the status quo and hadn't voiced his interest in this exciting new opportunity. He Spoke Up!

Think of it this way: it's more efficient and cost effective to teach a new skill to an eager, existing employee than to hire someone new to fill the gap. You'll be surprised to see the opportunities that become available to you by showing this initiative, enthusiasm and dedication in your organization.

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Opportunities to open up your yapper

Whether you're volunteering, have a part-time job, contract position, or are fully employed, it's important to speak up when you want to:

- Gain more experience
- Learn new skills
- Make a lateral move in your organization
- Get promoted
- Be given new opportunities
- Tackle a specific project
- Join a project team
- Be given more responsibility
- Take on a leadership role

Loud and proud

Ways to speak up successfully

- Arrange a meeting with your manager/supervisor to discuss your long-term career vision
- Talk to your boss about ways for you to get more involved in your organization
- Apply for internal job postings
- Request to be put on certain project teams
- Tell your boss you are looking for more responsibility or that you want to acquire new skills — be specific!

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Survive the post-grad phase with the Triple P

Where do I go from here? Proactivity, persistence and patience will pay off when post-graduation leaves you feeling a little gloomy

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I naively thought it wasn't going to happen to me.

My friends who had already graduated warned me: prepare for the depressing months after your graduation.

And I thought listening to a lot of inspiring TED featured talks from ivy league commencement addresses would suffice (it helps a bit).

For many architecture students, the late bloomers (I was in the same boat), they might begin to do their portfolios.

Some might get their job offers early if they prepared their portfolio on time during school and just in time to pay their student loans. Some might struggle and have a different scenario.

It's really a waiting game and it can get frustrating and disheartening at times. I tried to be positive through this experience.

Failing and falling behind has prepared me to be positive through it. A lot of students deal with this — what I'd like to call the post-grad phase.

Since many of my friends in architecture school have moved back home or moved on, myself included, this is a time I wanted to extend my network and wanted to meet people outside of architecture and learn from them. In the months following graduation, I went to entrepreneurship, leadership and architecture events to meet people and network.

I wanted to find out what success is and open my eyes to a world that is not just architecture — and I have been inspired and motivated.

It's important to remind yourself to stay hopeful, strong and to not be a victim to circumstances.

What kept me going on during this post-grad phase is the Triple P: proactivity, persistence and patience.

Don't let time taint your dreams. Plan, plot and pursue! ISTOCK PHOTO

Stay Proactive

• And not reactive — you have to keep busy.

• Network, network, network!
• Attend workshops, lectures, talk to people.

• Keep building your portfolio!

• Learn and acquire new skills!

• Do competitions and join design charettes!

• Seek help — professors, career counsellors, mentors!

Stay Persistent

• There will be moments of self-doubt — you have to prevail and be positive.

• Getting hired will come unexpectedly.

• Rejection should not be taken personally — at the interview, it comes down to how well you click and fit in the workplace, and firms might not have enough projects.

Failure taught me patience, persistence and the need to be proactive. It's about carefully reflecting on yourself and constantly looking at opportunities to improve and move on.

If there is anything that my setbacks in university honed in me, it's resilience to keep going through these moments.

To climb up requires failing and learning from it — ultimately this is a career for those who are passionate about architecture and design.

To close this entry, I thought I'd finish up with one more tip — stay hopeful.

This isn't an easy phase for anyone, but be positive and look toward finding what it is you are passionate about and make it your motivating push.

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Stay Patient

- If this career is truly what you want to do and are hungry for, you'll stick with it through thick and thin.
- Our professors in architecture school were right when they said that this career path might not be the most profitable path to tread in relation to other fields — business and commerce is where it's at if you're after profit.
- Realize that this is a career of passion. Passion is what is keeps me going in spite of the trying moments during this transitional phase — it's not easy, but the things you're passionate about are worth fighting for.

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NHL

Roy could be Avs' next coach: Reports

Patrick Roy and Joe Sakic formed a productive partnership on the ice during their playing days, leading the Colorado Avalanche to two Stanley Cup titles.

Patrick Roy
GETTY IMAGES FILE

Now, Avalanche fans are hoping they're reunited to steer the foundering franchise back to the glory days. According to reports, the Hall of Fame goaltender could possibly be in line to become the next coach.

Roy's younger brother, Stephane Roy, posted a Facebook note late Monday night saying his brother would be the new coach. Stephane Roy later told The Denver Post: "They're discussing the final details of an arrangement."

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NBA

Cavs win lottery for top draft pick

The Cleveland Cavaliers won the lottery for the second time in three years and have the No. 1 pick for the June 27 draft.

They also won in 2011 and used the top pick on eventual Rookie of the Year Kyrie Irving.

The Orlando Magic fell back one spot to No. 2, while the Washington Wizards vaulted from No. 8 to third. Toronto won the 12th pick, but it was sent to Oklahoma City as part of the deal that saw James Harden go to Houston and Kyle Lowry go to the Raptors. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rangers forward Ryan Callahan hits Bruins winger Brad Marchand during Game 3 of the Eastern Conference semifinal on Tuesday night at Madison Square Garden. Boston won 2-1 to take a 3-0 series lead. BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY IMAGES

New York series win falling out of range

NHL playoffs. Rangers offence sputters as Bruins move a game away from sweep

Game 3

Bruins	Rangers
2	1

It took 40 years for Original Six rivals Boston and New York to face off again in the playoffs.

Beantown's Bruins seem intent on wrapping up the long-awaited get-together in a hurry.

Daniel Paille scored the tiebreaking goal with 3:31 left in the third period — after defenceman Johnny Boychuk got the Bruins even earlier in the frame — and Boston put the Rangers on the brink of elimination with a 2-1 victory in Game 3 of the Eastern Conference semifinal series on Tuesday night.

Boston leads the series 3-0 and can advance to the conference finals as early as Thursday at Madison Square Garden. Only three NHL teams have rallied from an 0-3 hole to advance.

However, the Philadelphia Flyers did it to the Bruins in 2010 in this round.

"We can talk about it all we want, but that's in the past," Bruins coach Claude Julien said. "We had to live with that and we still have to live with that."

Boston also nearly blew a 3-1 series edge in the opening round this year against Toronto, before rallying from a three-goal deficit in the third period and capturing Game 7 in overtime.

"The Toronto series, I didn't think our team was in the zone the way it is right now," Julien said. "I anticipate — knowing my team — that we're going to come out the same next game and certainly not be the Jekyll and Hyde team that we were in the first round."

The Bruins trailed 1-0 heading into the third, but Boychuk tied it with his fourth of the playoffs after he netted just one in 44 regular-season games. The Rangers hadn't lost in regulation when leading after two periods since Feb. 4, 2010.

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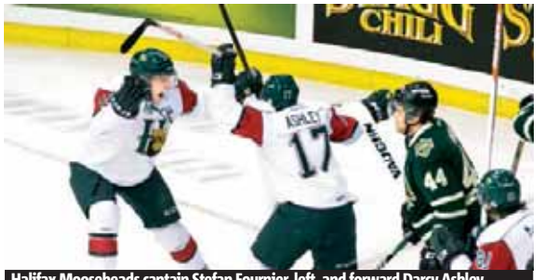
Knights caught in Mooseheads' line of fire


Halifax Mooseheads captain Stefan Fournier, left, and forward Darcy Ashley celebrate a goal against the London Knights at the Memorial Cup in Saskatoon on Tuesday night. Halifax won the game 9-2. LIAM RICHARDS/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Memorial Cup

Mooseheads	Knights
9	2

Martin Frk had a hat trick and an assist and Darcy Ashley also scored twice and had an assist of his own on Tuesday as the Halifax Mooseheads hammered the London Knights 9-2 in the final round-robin game for both teams at the Memorial Cup.

Stefan Fournier added a goal and an assist, while Brent Andrews, Ryan Falkenham and Luca Ciampini also scored for Halifax (2-1), which booked a spot in at least Friday's semi-final.

Zachary Fucale made 26 saves for the QMJHL champions, who led 5-0 after the first period and 8-2 after the second. Top prospects Nathan MacKinnon and Jonathan Drouin each had three assists.

The focus of the tournament now turns to Wednesday's final round-robin game between the WHL champion Portland Winterhawks (1-1) and the host Saskatoon Blades (1-1). A win for Portland puts the Mooseheads directly into Sunday's championship game, while a Saskatoon win means the Blades will go right to the final, with Halifax having to settle for a spot in the semi-final. THE CANADIAN PRESS

4 SPORTS

Rays put abrupt end to Blue Jays' roll at home

Brett Lawrie dodges an inside offering from Rays reliever Fernando Rodney at the Rogers Centre on Tuesday night. FRANK GUNN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

MLB. Toronto loses for the first time in five games at Rogers Centre

Kelly Johnson and Desmond Jennings homered and Tampa Bay starter Alex Cobb pitched 6 1/3 strong innings as the Rays defeated the Toronto Blue Jays 4-3 on Tuesday night at Rogers Centre.

Starter Ramon Ortiz (1-2) took the loss for Toronto, which had its four-game home winning streak come to an end. The rubber game in the three-game series will go Wednesday afternoon.

Cobb (5-2) allowed three hits and one earned run to trim his earned-run average to 2.73. Fernando Rodney gave up a run in the ninth inning before picking up his ninth save.

Colby Rasmus hit a solo homer for the Blue Jays, who fell deeper into the American League East basement at 18-27.

Tampa Bay (24-21) gave Cobb an early lead by scoring a pair of runs in the second inning. Rays slugger Evan Longoria extended his hitting streak to 15 games with a double and moved to third on a James Loney groundout. Longoria scored when Luke Scott hit a slow grounder down the third-base line.

Johnson followed with a solo blast. He took a 2-1 pitch from Ortiz over the wall in centre field for his eighth homer of the year.

Jennings hit Ortiz's first pitch of the third inning over the wall in left-centre for his fifth home run of the season.

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On Tuesday

Rays	Blue Jays
4	3

Slam Duncan handles Grizz

Spurs power forward Tim Duncan turns to the basket on the Grizzlies' Marc Gasol in Game 2 of the Western Conference finals on Tuesday night in San Antonio. The Spurs won 93-89 in overtime to go up 2-0 in the series. ERIC GAY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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NBA

Colangelo shuffled out of GM role in Toronto

Bryan Colangelo is out as general manager of the Toronto Raptors, but he will remain the NBA team's president.

The Raptors say they have extended Colangelo's contract as president and that he will report directly to Tim Leiweke, the new CEO of Maple Leaf Sports and Entertainment.

But somebody else will take over the team's day-to-day basketball operations and report directly to Leiweke.

"Do I understand that's going to tax Bryan a little bit? One hundred per cent," Leiweke said on a conference call on Tuesday. "But I think given the circumstances we found ourselves in, the timing of the decision ... and given his choices, I believe it is in everyone's best interest to make this work.

"There's no probably, (Bryan's) ticked off at me. This isn't his perfect world, either. But to his credit, he accepts it."

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Montreal Expos. Street by former MLB stadium named after Hall of Famer

A stretch of road in front of the stadium where he began his Hall of Fame career has been renamed in honour of former Montreal Expos catcher Gary Carter.

Signs indicating Rue Gary-Carter were already in place on Tuesday as municipal officials announced the renaming of Faillon Street West after the most popular player in the history of the defunct National League baseball club.

"It was here at Jarry Park that the player affectionately known as Kid began his major-league career," Laurent Blanchard, chairman of the city's executive committee, told a small gathering of officials and fans, some wearing caps and shorts with the Expos' red, white and blue logo.

"He was an idol who touched the heart of Montrealers and inspired many young athletes."

A larger celebration is planned for June 15, when Ahuntsic baseball park in the city's north end will be named for Carter, who died on Feb. 16, 2012, of brain cancer at 57.

Carter's wife, Sandy, and other family members were not able to attend the street renaming because they learned of it only this week, but they are expected to be at the ballpark ceremony.

Montreal has changed the name of Faillon Street to Gary Carter Street in honour of former Expos Hall of Famer Gary Carter. THE CANADIAN PRESS

The western section of Faillon Street runs in front of the stadium the Expos called home for the first eight years of their existence from 1969 to 1976, before moving to the domed Olympic Stadium.

Jarry Park stadium has since been converted into Uniprix Stadium, a tennis facility.

Carter made his Expos debut there in September 1974.

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Woods, Garcia continue to tee off on each other

Golf. Spaniard claims fried-chicken joke at awards dinner not meant in 'racist manner'

Tiger Woods and Sergio Garcia at TPC Sawgrass on May 11 in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla. RICHARD HEATHCOTE/GETTY IMAGES

Tiger Woods and Sergio Garcia don't like each other, and they're making no effort to disguise their feelings.

The verbal feuding began May 11 during the third round of The Players Championship. It resumed this week when Woods offered a one-word answer when asked if he thought about contacting Garcia to put the matter to rest.

"No," he replied with a tight smile.

Garcia fired back at a sponsor function outside London.

"He called me a whiner. That's probably right," he told reporters. "It's also probably the first thing he's told you guys that's true in 15 years. I know what he is like. You guys are finding out."

Garcia tried to tone down the barbs Tuesday at the BMW Championship.

"I can't like everybody and there's people that you connect with and there's people that you don't," Garcia said at Wentworth.

"He doesn't need me in his life, I don't need him in mine and let's move on and keep doing what we're doing. There's never really been a true connection.

"I think we should kind of move on and forget — well, it will be difficult to forget — but kind of move on about what happened."

Garcia later apologized for saying he would "serve fried chicken" while making a joke about having Tiger Woods over for dinner.

The Guardian newspaper in Britain reports Garcia was asked in jest while on stage at the European Tour's awards dinner Tuesday night if he would invite Woods to dinner during the U.S. Open.

The Guardian reports Garcia said: "We will have him round every night. We will serve fried chicken." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NHL PLAYOFFS

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS

(Best-of-7 series; All times Eastern)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

PITTSBURGH (1) VS. OTTAWA (7)

(Pittsburgh leads 2-1)
Wednesday's game
Pittsburgh at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
Friday's game
Ottawa at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.

BOSTON (4) VS. N.Y. RANGERS (6)

(Boston leads 3-0)
Tuesday's result
Boston 2 NY Rangers 1
Thursday's game
Boston at NY Rangers, 7 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CHICAGO (1) VS. DETROIT (7)

(Detroit leads 2-1)
Monday's result
Detroit 3 Chicago 1
Thursday's game
Chicago at Detroit, 8 p.m.

LOS ANGELES (5) VS. SAN JOSE (6)

(Los Angeles leads 2-1)
Tuesday's result
Los Angeles at San Jose
Thursday's game
San Jose at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

NBA PLAYOFFS

CONFERENCE FINALS

(Best-of-7 series; All times Eastern)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

MIAMI (1) VS INDIANA (3)

Wednesday's game
Indiana at Miami, 8:30 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

SAN ANTONIO (1) VS MEMPHIS (5)

(San Antonio leads 2-0)
Tuesday's result
San Antonio 93 Memphis 89 (OT)
Saturday's game
San Antonio at Memphis, 9 p.m.

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	28	17	.622	—
Boston	27	19	.587	1½
Baltimore	24	21	.533	4
Tampa Bay	24	21	.533	4
Toronto	**18**	**27**	**.400**	**10**

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	26	18	.591	—
Detroit	24	19	.558	1½
Kansas City	21	21	.500	4
Chicago	21	23	.477	5
Minnesota	18	24	.429	7

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	29	17	.630	—
Oakland	25	22	.532	4½
Seattle	20	25	.444	8½
Los Angeles	17	27	.386	11
Houston	13	33	.283	16

Tuesday's results
Tampa Bay 4 **Toronto 3**
Baltimore 3 N.Y. Yankees 2 (10 inn.)
Chicago White Sox 3 Boston 1
Oakland 1 Texas 0
Kansas City 7 Houston 3
Detroit 5 Cleveland 1
Seattle at L.A. Angels
Monday's results
Toronto 7 Tampa Bay 5
Chicago White Sox 6 Boston 4
Houston 6 Kansas City 5
Oakland 9 Texas 2
Cleveland 10 Seattle 8 (10 inn.)
N.Y. Yankees 6 Baltimore 4 (10 inn.)
Wednesday's games — All times Eastern
Oakland (Parker 2-5) at Texas (Tepesch 3-4), 2:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Hellickson 2-2) at **Toronto (Buehrle 1-3)**, 4:37 p.m.
Detroit (Verlander 4-4) at Cleveland (Jimenez 3-2), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Kuroda 6-2) at Baltimore (Hammel 5-2), 7:05 p.m.
Seattle (Maurer 2-5) at L.A. Angels (Wilson 3-3), 7:05 p.m.
Boston (Buchholz 6-0) at Chicago White Sox (Sale 5-2), 8:10 p.m.
Kansas City (Shields 2-4) at Houston (Lyles 1-1), 8:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	27	18	.600	—
Washington	23	22	.511	4
Philadelphia	22	24	.478	5½
New York	17	26	.395	9
Miami	13	33	.283	14½

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	28	16	.636	—
Cincinnati	28	18	.609	1
Pittsburgh	27	18	.600	1½
Chicago	18	26	.409	10
Milwaukee	18	26	.409	10

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	26	20	.565	—
San Francisco	25	20	.556	½
Colorado	25	21	.543	1
San Diego	21	23	.477	4
Los Angeles	18	26	.409	7

Tuesday's results
Cincinnati 4 N.Y. Mets 0
Milwaukee 5 L.A. Dodgers 2
Philadelphia 7 Miami 3
Atlanta 5 Minnesota 4 (10 inn.)
Colorado 5 Arizona 4 (10 inn.)
Pittsburgh 5 Chicago Cubs 4
St. Louis at San Diego
Washington at San Francisco
Monday's results
San Francisco 8 Washington 0
Cincinnati 4 N.Y. Mets 3
Miami 5 Philadelphia 1
San Diego 4 St. Louis 2
Arizona 5 Colorado 1
Atlanta 5 Minnesota 1
L.A. Dodgers 3 Milwaukee 1
Wednesday's games — All times Eastern
Minnesota (Worley 1-4) at Atlanta (Maholm 5-4), 12:10 p.m.
Cincinnati (Latos 4-0) at N.Y. Mets (Harvey 5-0), 1:10 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Ryu 4-2) at Milwaukee (Peralta 3-4), 1:10 p.m.
Arizona (Cahill 3-4) at Colorado (De La Rosa 5-3), 3:10 p.m.
Washington (Gonzalez 3-2) at San Francisco (Bumgarner 4-2), 3:45 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Samardzija 2-5) at Pittsburgh (Liriano 2-0), 7:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Lee 4-2) at Miami (Slowey 1-4), 7:10 p.m.
St. Louis (Lyons 0-0) at San Diego (Smith 0-0), 10:10 p.m.

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Space out in the 2014 Fiat 500L

Review. Fiat 500 gets a makeover to become roomier automobile

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2014 Fiat 500L

- **Type.** Four-door front-wheel drive compact wagon
- **Engines (hp).** 1.4-litre SOHC I4, turbocharged (160hp)
- **Transmissions.** Six speed manual, six speed twin clutch automated manual
- **Base price (incl. destination)** $26,000

Design

Physically, the 500L shares nothing with the 500 two-door, but it does exude a saucy character that's unmistakably Fiat. What really sticks out as unique are the 500L's double windshield pillars that are separated by a glass panel. Interesting, but there will likely be some criticism over forward visibility.

Fuel Economy

As of press time, fuel-economy numbers haven't been released, but a good guesstimate would be 7.8 l/100 km in the city and 5.2 on the highway for versions with the six-speed stick.

Engine

Fiat wisely chose not to install the 500's 101-horsepower 1.4-litre four-cylinder in North American versions of the 500L. Instead, the standard powerplant is the turbocharged 1.4 used in the sporty 500 Abarth. The engine pumps out 160 horsepower and 184 pound-feet of torque.

Fiat means business and that means making the 500 more appealing to North American small-car buyers by giving them more of what they really, really want. That's where the all-new 500L enters the picture.

Sure, the original "Cinquecento" two-door hatchback and its semi-convertible Cabrio and Abarth offshoots are kind of adorable. But let's face it; any car that's 15 centimetres shorter than a Mini Cooper is bound to be a tight fit, especially for anyone occupying the back seat. That's why the brand-extending Mini Clubman and Countryman were created and it's for the same reason that the four-door 500L will debut early this summer.

Making over the 500 to become the 500L meant employing a larger version of the 500's platform, called "small-wide." The tale of the tape reveals a gain of about 70 centimetres in overall length, about 15 centimetres in width and height and slightly more than 30 centimetres between the front and rear wheels, resulting in 42 per cent greater interior volume. You can almost hear six-footer-plus-types across the land cheering at this news.

The 500L is also somewhat larger than its nearest rival, the four-door Mini Cooper Countryman, which translates into considerably more passenger and luggage room.

Fiat has also fashioned the rear seat to accommodate three people, for a total of five (the Countryman is limited to four), although it will help if the meat-in-the-sandwich occupant is less than adult sized. Both the front and the 60:40 split rear seat can be folded when extra cargo space is called for.

The rest of the 500L's interior is more modernistic than that of the 500 and features twin gauge pods in place of a single multi-purpose unit.

As well, the L's shifter is floor-mounted instead of being angled directly below the dashboard. It's also a bit early to discuss standard and optional features, but what is known is that the 500L will be offered in Pop, Easy, Trekking and Lounge models. Unfortunately, all-wheel drive is not on the Trekking's build sheet, which pretty much limits where you can actually trek to.

Other up-level equipment includes a panoramic glass sunroof, enlarged touch-screen controls for the audio, communications and navigation systems and a premium Beats by Dr. Dre audio system.

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The Aston Martin CC10 Speedster. HANDOUT

Autopilot. And here's a quartette of automotive stories to back that theory up

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Here are four automotive stories from the past week that all seem to speak to how fast and how slow our world is changing at the same time.

We need to change but for some things we won't — there is this constant struggle: must change versus must not change. Probably a good thing.

Another drive-in goes down

A 58-year-old drive-in theatre in Sharon, Ont., will not make it to its 59th year. Here is an excerpt from the North York Drive In's goodbye message posted on Facebook: "It is with much regret we say goodbye to summer evenings at North York. Technology and conversion to digital projection has made us obsolete and threatens many other independent theatres."

Studios are phasing out the celluloid (or film) format. Theatres with film projector technology are going to have to go digital or go dark. While the family-owned North York Drive In decided against the considerable investment to digital, other drive-ins have made the move and are still alive and well.

Limos disguised as ambulances

The traffic in all the world's major cities keeps getting worse. Apparently the traffic is so bad in Moscow that VIPs are renting special limos to get around — those disguised as medical emergency vehicles. With sirens blazing they are able to get around the gridlock no problem. The ruse was uncovered when one ambulance was pulled over by police for traffic indiscretions and found to be transporting very healthy people in very comfy seating arrangements.

Driving Boom goes silent

A study just released by the U.S. Public Interest Research Group revealed that the post-war Driving Boom is kaput. We always thought "miles travelled per capita" would keep rising forever. But after peaking in 2004 it levelled off and now appears to be levelled off for good. Americans drive no more miles in total today than they did in 2004 and no more per person than they did in 1996.

Of course this is due to two demographics duking it out: baby boomers and their voluminous driving habits moving out of the picture, and the millenniums and their stingy driving habits moving more into the picture. Other contributing factors are urbanization, gas prices and less need for commuting in this digital age. The study's authors suggest U.S. legislators might want to rethink plans based on the premise that Americans will keep driving until they drop.

Cool keeps coming

Aston Martin celebrated its 100th anniversary by creating the CC100 Speedster Concept. The "speedster" genre (no top or windshield whatsoever, a race-ready convertible so to speak) was selected to channel the vibe of Aston Martin's most famous racer — the 1959 DBR1. But the old-school vibe is mated to a state-of-the-art carbon fibre body and interior. Like the Aston Martin supercar, the One 77, the CC100's carbon fibre pieces are crafted (by Canadians!) in the big oven at Multimatic, an auto engineering and parts builder based in Markham, Ontario. That's about 30km from the obsolete drive in theatre in Sharon.

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Sounds like fun to us

The portable Tailgater Bluetooth from ION Audio allows you to dock your personal audio device (iPad, iPhone or Android) anywhere you want, or wirelessly stream music from these devices to the unit from a distance of up to 15 to 18 metres. When fully charged, the built-in battery in the Tailgater's 20-watt amplifier can provide up to 50 hours of cordless musical pleasure (the built-in battery monitor keeps track of your power usage). The unit also comes with its own microphone, built-in AM/FM radio, USB charging port, power cord for indoor use as well as a microphone just in case an impromptu karaoke party breaks out. Pick one up for $170 US at ionaudio.com.

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Last-generation E-Class models were on sale to us Canadians for the 2003 through 2009 model years. Competing with the Lexus GS, BMW 5-Series and Audi A6, the E-Class offered up plenty of selection in terms of its powertrains, body styles and options packages.

Feature content across the range included heated leather seating, a sunroof, navigation, xenon lights, rain-sensing wipers, a backup camera, Bluetooth, an intelligent key system and automatic climate control. Auto-leveling air suspension, a sunroof, and a power memory steering wheel were on board, too.

Common Issues

Before setting off for a road test, shoppers are advised to spend some time checking for proper operation of everything in the cabin that runs on electricity — including the stereo, navigation system, power accessories, communications system and all digital display screens. If the vehicle is fitted with parking radar, be sure it works, too. Ditto the air conditioner and climate control system.

Various owner web forums identify fairly common problems with the air conditioner, brake system electronics, climate control blower motor, and suspension. In particular, note that any unwelcomed popping or clunking noises from beneath the vehicle as it travels over bumps typically indicates a suspension issue.

Additionally, some owners note that their E-Class had numerous electronics-related problems rectified through software updates and recalls as part of dealer servicing.

What owners like

Most E-Class owners bought their cars for the reputation, prestige, luxury, space, styling and overall comfort. All season performance and brand loyalty were other key considerations.

What owners dislike

Common functional complaints include a choppier or rougher-than-expected ride on some models, as well as "cheap" factory equipment tires.

Engines

Depending on the year, the E-Class powertrain lineup included a 3.5 litre, 268-horsepower base V6 engine, and a jacked-up 5.5 litre V8 that approached 400 ponies. A three-litre, 228-horsepower base engine was available, as was a Bluetec diesel mill. Look for automatic transmissions on all models, and available 4Matic All-wheel drive.

The verdict

Buying a used E-Class without a check-over at a Mercedes dealer is not advised. A model sold as part of a certified used car program from a Mercedes-Benz dealership is ideal for long-term confidence. Opt for any extended comprehensive warranty that may be available, too.

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Designing a sleek vehicle isn't just about good looks. A smooth design cuts down on wind resistance, which in turn helps improve fuel economy.

Aerodynamic designs may be obvious on sports cars, but they're also used on pickup trucks, where engineers face the complicated task of adding wind-cheating tricks without sacrificing work-oriented practicality.

"Air flows over a vehicle, around the side and under it, and you're trying to make it flow smoothly," says Jeff Luke, executive chief engineer for global trucks at General Motors. "If the air is turbulent, it results in more drag and it's less efficient aerodynamically."

A truck may have an upright grille and stance, but "that doesn't mean it's a brick," Luke says. The bumper and its lower air deflector, and the hood and windshield designs channel air around the truck. Headlights and fog lights are sealed so they deflect the air, instead of trapping it.

Air has to enter the grille to cool the engine, but the engine compartment is designed so the air flows out again, instead of pushing against the firewall.

Under the truck, engineers add body pans, which keep the air flowing so it doesn't create turbulence against the undercarriage components. If it swirls, it creates aerodynamic drag. This prevents the truck from easily moving forward and requires more fuel to overcome.

Air also has to move smoothly along the sides, where the door handles and window seals play a role. Windshield wipers and mirrors also have to be designed to reduce air swirling around them, which can create annoying wind noise at higher speeds. Even the wheels are designed with flush faces, instead of deep designs that can trap air.

At the rear, a lip on the tailgate helps direct airflow properly. Some people believe that driving with the tailgate down helps improve fuel economy but that's false, Luke says. Instead, the upright tailgate creates a pressure difference behind the cab. Air flows over this "air cushion," instead of swirling in the box and creating drag.

"It's all 'free' fuel economy," Luke says. "The more you focus on every count of aerodynamic drag, the lower you can make it, and so the more fuel you can save."

Quoted

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Jeff Luke, executive chief engineer for global trucks at General Motors
On the effects of wind hitting a vehicle.

Even under the vehicle must be aerodynamically sound. JIL MCINTOSH

This truck doesn't look aerodynamic but it is due to its inner design. JIL MCINTOSH

Things to note

- **Light.** Body pans help reduce wind resistance under the vehicle but must be made of lightweight materials, since extra weight reduces fuel economy.
- **Cover up.** Adding a tonneau cover to a pickup truck can improve fuel economy by as much as a half-mile per gallon.
- **Choose wisely.** If you're towing a trailer, one with an angled front end will use less fuel than one with a flat face that pushes against the wind.
- **Find a balance.** A car that's too aerodynamic may not have enough headroom or visibility.

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Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
If you are honest about what it is you desire then a friend will be honest with you about whether they can give it to you. Even if they can't, they may still be able to put you in touch with someone who can.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
It may seem as if you are out of step, logically and emotionally, with those around you. Maybe you are, but what of it? You are entitled to look at life any way you please.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
Not everyone cares about what you care about, and why should they? All you need to realize is that one good person — that's you — can make a world of difference.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
The road you're travelling may not be of your own choosing but fate in its wisdom has pushed you in this direction so you would be wise not to fight against it. Worry less and life will be less of a struggle.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
Others may be urging you to take a certain course of action but if your instincts tell you it's wrong then it's your instincts you must follow. It doesn't matter that you are unpopular, it matters only that you are right.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Before you get more of what you desire, it might be wise to create space by getting rid of what you no longer need. Why hold on to things you will most likely never use again?

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
What you think is a problem is in fact an opportunity in disguise. When you realize it, your mood will lighten and new opportunities will open up for you. You will soon be smiling.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
The situation you face today is the same situation you faced yesterday. So why have you still not resolved it? Come on, you're a Scorpio. You're meant to be smart and decisive!

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Be careful what you ask for over the next 24 hours because you are likely to get it, but not in quite the way you expected. Come the eclipse in your sign this weekend, you may even want to give it back again.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
It would appear that you are involved in a feud and it is taking up far too much of your time and energy. Whatever it is about, you must get over it quickly. There are more important things to focus on.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Don't just assume that loved ones know how you feel. Tell them in words that make it impossible for them not to understand. Sometimes you can be a bit too cool.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
At home and at work you will get the chance to do good deeds today. Some of those who need your assistance may not be your favourite people but you'll help them anyway.

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Crossword: Canada Across and Down

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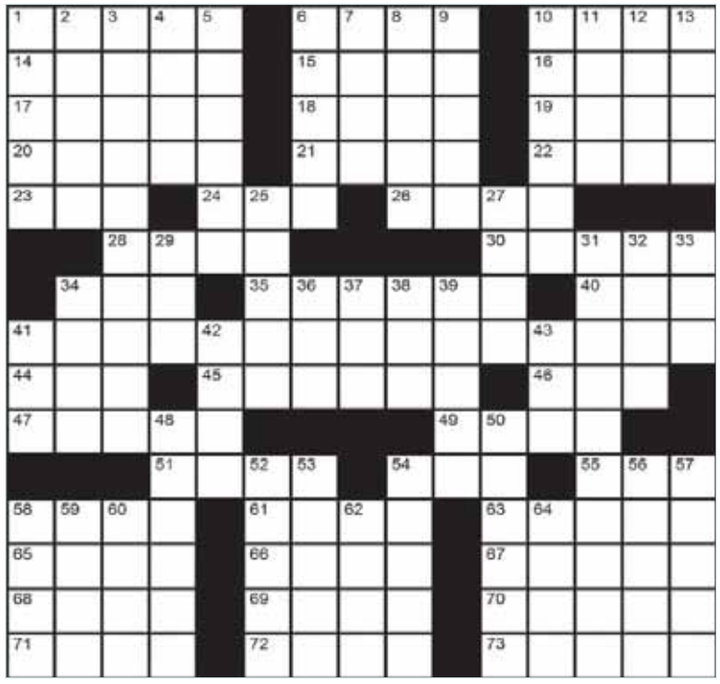
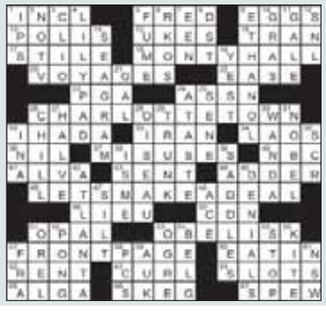


Across
1. Kingly
6. Clump
10. Icy waters danger
14. Cherish
15. Govern
16. Above
17. Frasier's sitcom brother
18. Division
19. Vegas alternative
20. Butcher shop waste
21. Roof's overhang
22. Ms. Barrymore
23. The Big Apple
24. "__ say!"
26. River for Hamburg, Germany
28. Margarine's fancy name
30. Remove the towel from the clothesline
34. Expected
35. Vigorous
40. Charlemagne's domain [acronym]
41. "Sundown" singer/songwriter: 2 wds.
44. Ruler measurements, for short
45. Boil under the collar
46. _ __ Z
47. "__ Magnolias" (1989)
49. Chauffeured car
51. "Thou __ protest too much."
54. Furniture wood
55. Shut out
58. Hoax
61. Clock†time
63. Have _ __ (Be optimistic still)
65. Inca empire's modern home
66. "__ and the King"
67. Big lake in #48-Down, Gitche __
68. Moran of "Happy Days"
69. Bundles of bills
70. Be a war journalist inside a military unit
71. Kaput
72. Gin flavouring
73. Work stations

Down
1. Didn't stop: 2 wds.
2. Spiritually uplift
3. Workplace for Sarnia-born athlete Mike Weir: 2 wds.
4. GTA = Greater Toronto __
5. Regina-born actor Mr. Nielsen
6. Porridge, for Oliver Twist
7. Roman moon goddess
8. Oil source
9. __ nut
10. Sir Robert __ (Canada's 8th Prime Minister)
11. At any time
12. French philosopher/mathematician Mr. Descartes
13. Become a bigger plant
25. Canadians Greene or Michaels
27. "Corner Gas" star, Brent __
29. __ Zeppelin
31. Crashed-in-on snapshots
32. Slangy suffix to 'Stink'
33. Acquire
34. "__ Forget the Lyrics!"
36. Hoagy Carmichael song: "__ Buttermilk Sky"
37. Took the bait
38. "Oh, yuck."
39. Beach trinket
41. Soldiers Joe and Jane
42. European city once called Christiania
43. The Partridges, e.g.
48. Song by #41-Across: "Wreck of the __ Fitzgerald"
50. Pictured
52. Artie and George Bernard
53. Of varied pitch
54. Obliterate
56. Take _ __ (Look at the present ahead of time)
57. Wants
58. Hotfooted it
59. "From __ to Eternity"
60. Vocal variety
62. Take apart
64. Actor Mr. Cronyn

Yesterday's Crossword



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How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

9				1		7	8	
	3		9	6		4		
					3			
	5	7				9		8
6								4
4		8				2	3	
			4					
		6		7	8		1	
	2	5		3				6

Yesterday's Sudoku

1	4	3	8	2	9	6	5	7
6	9	2	5	7	1	4	8	3
5	8	7	3	4	6	2	1	9
3	1	6	2	5	8	9	7	4
8	5	4	6	9	7	1	3	2
2	7	9	4	1	3	8	6	5
4	3	5	1	8	2	7	9	6
7	6	1	9	3	4	5	2	8
9	2	8	7	6	5	3	4	1

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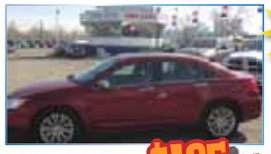

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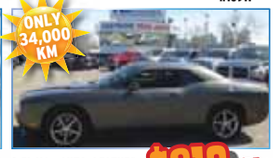

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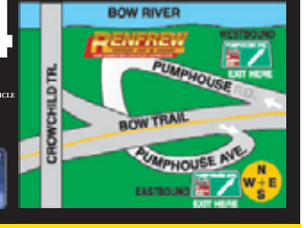

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